



## **Michigan Alcohol Policy Promoting Health & Safety**

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To: Members of the House Committee on Regulatory Reform  
c/o Chairperson Ray A. Franz, [RayFranz@house.mi.gov](mailto:RayFranz@house.mi.gov)

Re: House Bills 4895 and 4896

Michigan has historically restricted the sale of alcohol at gas stations. Exceptions to this policy have been made in areas of the state with low population density.

When Michigan citizens are polled they report that they have convenient access to the purchase of alcohol. In spite of this perception on the part of consumers there is pressure from some retailers to increase the sale of alcohol at gas stations as indicated by the amount of pending legislation sitting with your committee that would do this very thing.

House bills 4895 and 4896 are examples of this pending legislation. We oppose these bills because they will result in increased alcohol outlet density which research has shown increases alcohol related harm. Public safety is further jeopardized by these proposed changes because it increases sale of alcohol at gas stations.

We appreciate your consideration of these bills in a larger public safety context and ask that you help us solve the problem of increasing outlet density in Michigan.